

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being added, cancelled or amended.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-6 and 8 remain pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 3 and 8 are allowed.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0016504 to Dam et al. in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0054580 to Strich et al.; and claims 2, 4, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dam et al. in view of Strich et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,397,083 to Martin et al. These rejections are traversed for the reasons given below.

In its rejection of claim 1, the Office Action correctly recognizes that Dam et al. does not disclose a relationship between a plurality of antennas and a plurality of transmission/reception circuits, in which an erroneous relationship occurred during installation. However, the Office Action incorrectly asserts that Strich et al. describes these features.

In more detail, paragraph 0089 of Strich et al. states that “Adjustment of the equalizers 444A-444F may be performed, for example, during base station installation by applying an identical test signal to each driver 75-80.” Thus, Strich et al. describes adjusting equalizers during base station installation. The adjustment of equalizers is because the

current state of the equalizers needs correction, and thus this adjustment is made to correct the current equalization signal level of the equalizers.

As such, an important difference between Strich et al. and the present invention according to independent claim 1 is that Strich et al. does not change any connections between equalizers and other components attached to them, but rather Strich et al. merely changes the equalization signal strength levels of his equalizers. In the present invention according to independent claim 1, on the contrary, connections between a plurality of antennas and a plurality of transmission/reception circuits are corrected, which has nothing at all to do with changing an output signal strength of these devices.

Therefore, presently pending independent claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Dam et al. and Strich et al.

Since Martin et al. (applied against claims 2, 4, 5 and 6) does not rectify the above-mentioned deficiencies of Strich et al., presently pending claims 2, 4, 5 and 6 are patentable over the combination of Dam et al., Strich et al. and Martin et al.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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